PRESS RELEASE

Hollister Police Respond to Attempted Murder

HOLLISTER, CALIFORNIA – *October 31*, 2009 – On October 31, 2009 a Hollister Police officer found a victim of a stabbing walking at the corner of Hawkins and Washington Streets. The 20-year-old male victim had multiple stab wounds and bleeding profusely. He was flown to a Bay Area hospital and listed in stable condition.

At about 11:01 p.m., Hollister Police officer Eric Morris was on patrol when he came upon the victim. The officer noticed the man had what appeared to be blood on his clothing and was walking unsteadily down the street. Two additional people were helping the injured person.

Officer Morris contacted the man and discovered the man had been stabbed several times in the back. Witnesses confirmed the victim had been at a party in the 300 block of Hawkins Street when the assault occurred. Witnesses reported that 6-10 males wearing dark clothing attacked the victim while he was outside the residence by himself. The assailants ran from the area when friends of the victim came out of the home. One witness also described the suspects as joking and laughing about what they had done as they ran away.

The Hollister Police Department is currently following up on leads.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is requested to contact Det. David Anderson at 636-4330. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call **WeTIP** at **(800) 78-CRIME**.

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